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Staff Sgt. Russell Wicke

Sharing patriotism

From left to right: Airman 1st Class Jordan Long, Airman 1st Class Ryan Bryson and Senior Airman Allan Rice, Davis-Monthan Honor Guard, raise a

flag at Southside Community School that was donated to them by the 25th Operational Weather Squadron. The 25th OWS Airmen volunteer at the school. For more information see **Airmen share American spirit with local school**, Page 5.

DoD honors Tucson citizen, DM-50 member

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

A Tucson citizen dedicated to showing continuous support to Davis-Monthan and the United States military was named the recipient of the 2003 Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award Aug. 12.

The Department of Defense chose Dorothy Hunt Finley as the annual recipient of the Fisher Award. This award, named in honor of Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher, is the premier recognition for citizens who offer exceptional support through their own time and assets to help the men and women serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. The recipient exemplifies the Fishers' personal qualities of generosity and selfless dedication.

Ms. Finley, "has served as a public servant for the greater Tucson community for years in a variety of public and private capacities, which have all served to foster a closer relationship between D-M and the city of Tucson," read the award nomination.

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Inn on Davis-Monthan captures top Air Force level award

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

The Chief of Staff of the Air Force announced that the Inn on Davis-Monthan earned the 2004 United States Air Force Innkeeper Award; Large Category, Aug. 12.

The Inn on Davis-Monthan team competed for this award against installations with 286 or more transient bed spaces.

Achieving this award took two years of hard work for the D-M lodging team, said Dan Baker, 355th Services Squadron Inn on

Davis-Monthan general manager.

The team's cohesiveness and the camaraderie everyone has shown from the housekeeping staff to the assistant managers, is what made the team stand out from the competition, Mr. Baker said.

The only way to win this award is with teamwork, and that is where this lodging office really excels, said Maj. Christopher La Vallee, 355th SVS commander.

"The Inn on Davis-Monthan pulled together as a team to commit itself to pursuing the Innkeeper trophy," said 1st Lt. Matthew Mountcastle, 355th SVS com-

bat support flight deputy commander. "We had superior Air Force members committing extra duty hours and our maintenance personnel working in the wee hours of the morning to lay rock before the desert heat rose."

The team's drive to be the best stewards of their facility was pivotal to their achievement of this award.

"Even though we may not have the newest buildings around, we worked with what we had to provide the best possible services for everyone of our customers," Major La Vallee said.

"With buildings more than forty years old, some would put little effort into making things better," Lieutenant Mountcastle said. "In fact, it is easy to occupy your time just trying to maintain aging facilities. However, this team has delivered a renovation of some sort in every lodging room in the past two years and just before the [evaluation] team's arrival, they put the finishing touches on a two year self-help landscaping project that saved the Air Force \$100,000 in labor and made home away-from-

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Federal Civilian Employees participation in political activities

Question: I was reading last week's question on military members participating in candidate's campaigns for the upcoming election and was wondering if the same restrictions apply to federal civilian employees as well.

Response: As the political season is upon us, I encourage all members of the Desert Lightning team to participate in our electoral process. However, as federal employees it is important that we are familiar with how our federal service impacts our ability to contribute in the political arena. The rules are not the same for active duty and federal civilian employees.

Some guidelines for civilian employees and military members are similar such as displaying a political sticker on a privately owned vehicle or attending political fundraisers (as long as military members are not in uniform) are both acceptable practices.

However, civilian employees can do some things military members should not. Examples of such things are: our civilian work force is welcome to make financial political contributions, attend and participate in political conventions or meet and take part in a political campaign.

As a federal employee, you are authorized to run for public office in nonpartisan elections, assist in voter registration drives, express opinions about candidates and issues, attend political fundraisers, distribute campaign literature in partisan elections,

and hold office in political clubs or parties.

Some areas that federal civilian employees should avoid include using official authority or influence to interfere with an election, soliciting or discouraging political activity or anyone with business before their agency, soliciting or receiving political contributions, being candidates for public office in partisan elections or engaging in permitted political activity while on duty or while in a government office, building or office.

Electing our city, regional and federal leadership and representation is our right as American citizens, and this responsibility should not be ignored or taken lightly. For more information please see your unit's voting assistance counselor or call the installation voting officer, Capt. Timothy Rushenberg, at 228-5242.

(Editors note: For more information about the Hatch Act of the Office of Special Counsel, at http://www.osc.gov/ha_fed.htm. Military members can refer to Air Force Instruction 51-902 Political Activities by Members of the U.S. Air Force.)

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people. Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: 355thWingCommandersCorner@dm.af.mil. Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls will not receive a personal response and may not be published in the *Desert Airman*.



Airman Christina Kinsey

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, congratulates the 311 Senior Airman from D-M who were recently selected for promotion to staff sergeant at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club Aug. 11. He also reminded the senior airmen to remember the nurturing and developing they have received and to pass it on to their Airmen as they become supervisors.

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Team D-M Mission Spotlight



The youth center, a Boys and Girls Club, located at Building 6000, features activities for youth ages five to 18 years old. The facility includes a game room, multipurpose and computer room, a full size gymnasium, snack bar and more. The center offers a Before-and-After School program as well as a summer camp program.

It also offers youth dances, field trips, arts and crafts as well as an outdoor program that includes ballooning, water rafting, hiking, tubing and biking. Gymnastics, Tae Kwon Do and dance classes are held year round. The youth center also has many individual and team sports and activities.

Nel Elmore, 355th Services Squadron School Age Program assistant, shows children at the youth center how to properly and safely hold Jasmine, the hamster.



Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

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Award

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home much more comfortable for our Airmen and their families. These things cannot be put together the week of the inspection, it took years of commitment."

"We showed [the evaluation team] the plans for further renovation and improvements to demonstrate our effort was not just to win a trophy," the lieutenant said. Excellence is an everyday thing here at Davis-Monthan.

In addition to time and sweat, team members used innovation to help them in their quest for the trophy.

"The evaluators were able to witness our innovative morning warm ups for our housekeepers developed by the fitness staff to help prevent workplace injury," Lieutenant Mountcastle said.

The lodging team also took an extra step to nurture families with small children making their stay feel more like home.

"In every [Temporary Lodging Facility], where our families stay as they come and go from Davis-Monthan, children are provided a coloring book so crayons stay off the furniture, saving resources and showing our families, we care," Lieutenant Mountcastle said.

Through teamwork, a strong desire to nurture their customers and provide the highest level of stewardship to their facilities the Inn on Davis-Monthan members were able to achieve their goal.

"This is really an accomplishment for the Desert Lightning wing," the lieutenant said. "There are operations out there with brand new facilities that some would think were a sure bet for the trophy. The Inn on Davis-Monthan was the underdog. However, we pride ourselves on the combat support we provide



Airmen 1st Class Katrina Castilla, 355th Services Squadron Inn on Davis-Monthan customer service technician, takes a customer's reservation. Airmen Castilla was selected to represent D-M in the Air Force Innkeeper Travelers' Award competition. The winner will be announced in November.

to the fight every day. That warfighter attitude allows this operation to overcome limiting factors like old buildings. We draw inspiration from the A-10s we see on the flight line here at D-M. Nobody calls them out-dated and gets away with it, especially if the infantry has anything to say about it. We feel the same way about our lodging operation."

The award will be formally presented to the Inn on Davis-Monthan at the American Hospitality and Lodging Association's annual convention in New York City in November.

Airmen receive UCMJ punishment

◆ A master sergeant from the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a suspended reduction to technical sergeant for **failing to follow a technical order**. This was a violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

◆ An airman first class from the 563rd Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to airman basic and a reprimand for **failure to go and failing to report to duty in uniform**. This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class from the 563rd MXS received a reduction to airman basic, 45 days

extra duty and a reprimand for **wrongful use and possession of marijuana**. This was a violation of Article 112a of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class from the 563rd MXS received a reduction to airman basic, 45 days restriction to Davis-Monthan, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for **underage drinking**. This was a violation of Article 92.

◆ An airman first class from the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron was **discharged** with a general characterization for a pattern of **misconduct**, supported by two Article 15s and three letters of reprimand.

News Notes

New telephone books

The 2004 to 2005 base telephone book is now available to all D-M units. To receive a new phone book contact your unit telephone control operator or call Master Sgt. John Marvin at 228-1294.

Street Closure

Monday, Tempe Street from Yuma Street to the flightline will be closed to traffic for approximately two weeks for resurfacing. Temporary access will be constructed for occupants of Building 4824.

Vehicle year stickers

Pass and registration has received its shipment of year stickers for vehicles. Drivers license, military ID, current registration and current insurance are needed to receive a sticker. The office is located in Building 3200, Room 120. For more information, call 228-3224.

Government Purchase Cards

All approving officials and cardholders of GPCs should not reply to e-mails asking to confirm any information for GPCs originating from USBank. If the bank requires any information from any personnel the company will make contact directly or through the 355th Contracting program coordinator. For more information, contact Carlos Acosta at 228-6487 or Mary Dukes at 228-6486.

Bicycles wanted

The Veterans Hospital's Families of Homeless Transition Program is in need of slightly used or new bicycles. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Gregory Peters at 228-3807.

Fiscal requirements

The 355th Contracting Squadron is implementing guidelines for processing fiscal 2004 end-of-year requirements and fiscal 2005 service requirements. Funded and unfunded Air Force Form 9s for end-of-year requests and advance planning for fiscal 2005 must be prepared and submitted through resource advisors. For more information and cut-off dates, call Rhonda Chavez at 228-4180.

Save a Life Saturday

The American Red Cross is scheduled to hold a day of emergency and accident prevention training, exhibits and activities Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Tucson Convention Center. The event is free to the public. For more information, call 319-3663 or visit www.sazredcross.org.

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Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at
850-2233

10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and
4 p.m. to midnight Sundays for a ride.

FCC offers a safe place for children

Base child care providers make room in their homes, hearts

Story and photo by Senior Airman
Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

Family Child Care providers offer a safe and nurturing environment for servicemembers to leave their children while at work.

The FCC provides an established base program to make child care available to military members and help ensure members can successfully perform their mission and rest assured knowing their children's safety, health and well-being is protected, said Linda Ray, 355th Services Squadron FCC coordinator.

Licensed child care providers, who offer child care in their homes, must participate in various levels of training, prior to becoming authorized to care for children.

"There are four levels of licensing within the Air Force Child Care Program," said Julie Provost, 355th SVS training and curriculum specialist. "Once a person completes the application process and meets all the initial requirements, the provider receives a Provisional

License for the first three months. During this time, the number of children the provider can care for is limited to four (including their own children under eight years old). If the provider is meeting the training requirements and maintains compliance of the Air Force monthly inspections, they progress to a Standard License, (the number of children goes up to six). The Standard License is valid for two years."

To be licensed as a developmental home, the family child care provider must be in compliance with all basic standards for family child care home licensing, Ms. Provost said. The Developmental License is valid for two years.

There are a few providers who strive toward this accreditation, or the fourth level in licensing, through the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

After the providers meet the requirements for their license, they are inspected monthly to ensure compliance with Air Force requirements is met, she said.

"If a provider is consistently not compliant, the FCC panel reviews the records of the provider and recommends to suspend or revoke a license," Ms. Provost said.

Though there are many people who get their licenses, some choose not to, which can result in being removed from base housing.

"If you provide more than 10



Annie Hamilton, Family Child Care provider, plays with the children she provides care for at her home on Davis-Monthan each week. She was recently awarded Provider of the Quarter for April through June. Mrs. Hamilton was also named Provider of the Quarter during 2003. Additionally she was one of three child care providers nominated for provider of the year in 2003.

hours of care per week, on a regular basis, you are required to be licensed," Ms. Provost said. "The children are our number one priority. Through the licensing process we do background checks, home inspections and training for the sole purpose of keeping our children safe. If someone reports that a person is providing care without a license we take a letter

to that individual inviting them to become licensed. Actions are taken to ensure that they stop providing care or their base housing privileges are revoked."

For more information, contact the FCC office at 228-2201. The FCC office is located in Building 700 on the corner of Albion Boulevard and Ironwood Street and is open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Welcome home party: Scheduled Aug. 27 to say thank you to those who deployed, their families

By Senior Airman Cat Casaigne
355th Wing Public Affairs

After a very hard tasking year deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, wing and base leadership want to say thank you to all the members who have been deployed over the last year and their families.

The welcome home party, scheduled to be held Aug. 27 from 2 to 7 p.m. at Bama Park here, will feature a disc jockey, a live band, chicken, steaks, Cajun sausages and ribs from Golden Coral and entertainment for children

like clowns and jumping castles.

"It's time to recognize those who have been tasked to support OIF over the last year," said Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 355th Wing command chief. "Col. Spencer and the rest of the leadership, in conjunction with our civic leaders, would like to say thank you and welcome home."

Chief Cobb said that the thank you extends to family members of those, whether assigned to the wing or a tenant unit, who were deployed.

"We have to say thank you to the family mem-

bers who allowed us to use their wives, husbands, fathers and mothers in the defense of America's freedom and liberties," he said. "Not a day should go by that we don't thank our lucky stars for the men and women of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base."

Chief Cobb said he is proud of those who were deployed.

"Our professional war-fighters were prepared to deploy and ready to fight when called upon. With a continued emphasis on nurturing our Airmen, it is extremely important to say thank you and welcome home," he said.

Airmen share American spirit with local school

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

In a ceremony held Monday, members of the D-M Honor Guard raised a flag on the Southside Community School's flag pole for the first time in more than a year.

To kick off the school year, the 25th Operational Weather Squadron donated an all-purpose American flag and 14 individual classroom American flags to the school.

The school had a flag on the pole when it first opened in 2001 but it was destroyed by inclement weather and the school was unable to procure a new one, said Caroline Johnson, Southside Community School principal.

During the 2003 school year, the 25th OWS began a continuing mentorship program with Southside Community providing military volunteers as teacher assistants.

The volunteers help the teachers with their daily instruction and serve as role models to the children, said Master Sgt. Ronald Richards, 25th OWS NCO in charge of East region weather.

"We do this because we want to give something back to the community," said Lt. Col. Vicki Michetti, 25th OWS commander. "The community has been very supportive of D-M and the

Air Force mission, so when we saw this opportunity to help out Tucson, we took it."

"Our kids are enthralled with the uniform," said Ms. Johnson. "The kids look forward to their visits so much. The students memorize the dates the Airmen are coming and always remind me."

Shortly after the program began, the squadron volunteers noticed there was no flag on the school's flag pole. With help from the D-M First Sergeants Council and the D-M Chief's Group, the squadron was able to gather enough funds to purchase the flags.

The additional classroom flags were purchased so that the students could display their pride as we do here on base and our own homes, Sergeant Richards said. The students would start each day by saying The Pledge of Allegiance but they did not have a flag to reflect upon as they were reciting it.

Senior Airman Bradley Boatman, 25th OWS school volunteer, served as a member of the Base Honor Guard team who raised the flag for the first day of school. "The most rewarding thing about this service is the positive reaction of the children and knowing they appreciate it," he said. "I want these children to have a sense of what it means to be an American and appreciate our privilege of freedom."



Staff Sgt. Russell Wicke

Tech. Sgt. Gary Silvia, 25th Operational Weather Squadron, presents a flag to a Southside Community School classroom Monday.

"This is just one example of how the Armed Forces is capable, willing and enjoys helping out in the communities we protect," said Sergeant Richards. "We enjoy giving back to the community that supports us. It is sometimes hard for children to understand the world events. We like to give the children a chance to interact with troops like they see and hear about on the news, let them ask questions and learn about why we are so dedicated to protecting our beloved country."

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But the award is only a small sign of the gratitude the base feels toward all that Ms. Finley does.

"She is the matriarch of Tucson, whose service and sacrifice provide significant impact to our ability to fight when called, as well as develop and nurture our Airmen," said Col. Michael Spencer, commander of the 355th Wing.

Ms. Finley's dedication to the base is an emotion that runs deep.

"The military is a part of who we are in Tucson. It has been a part of [the city] since its inception," Ms. Finley said. "The military makes the United States the great country it is today. They voluntarily put their lives on the line and I have so much admiration for what they do."

And she is not alone in her endeavors to work hard to make sure D-M receives as much support from the local community as possible. Ms. Finley is one of the founding members of a group called the DM-50 whose mission

"The people at the base are mostly new. We must continue to welcome them and help them get oriented to our community."

— Dorothy Finley
DM-50 member

is to work to promote the further development and enhancement of the relationships between D-M, its personnel and the entire Tucson community.

"Ms. Finley is the driving force behind the DM-50, providing direct support for awards, funding of activities that benefit the Air Force mission, support programs and activities having a direct impact on the Airmen of the 355th Wing and Headquarters, 12th Air Force," said Maj. Laurel Tingley, 355th Wing PA officer. "Her selfless dedication and support is in-

strumental in making the public more aware of what D-M means to Tucson and the state of Arizona."

More than just a sense of dedication, Ms. Finley also maintains an upbeat attitude about her goals for the relationship between the DM-50 and the base.

"We like to see ourselves as a welcoming committee," Ms. Finley said. "The people at the base are mostly new. We must continue to welcome them and help them get oriented to our community."

Ms. Finley and the DM-50 use a variety of programs to make sure all Airmen and their families feel like a part of Tucson.

"One of the biggest events is the DM-50 picnic usually held in the fall," Ms. Finley said. "The entire base and their families are invited to attend."

The morale focused event includes entertainment for children as well as free food and beverages. Over the past ten years, the DM-50 has donated more than \$202,000 for the annual picnic.

In addition, with Ms. Finley's mentorship, the DM-50 hosts dinners to develop social relation-

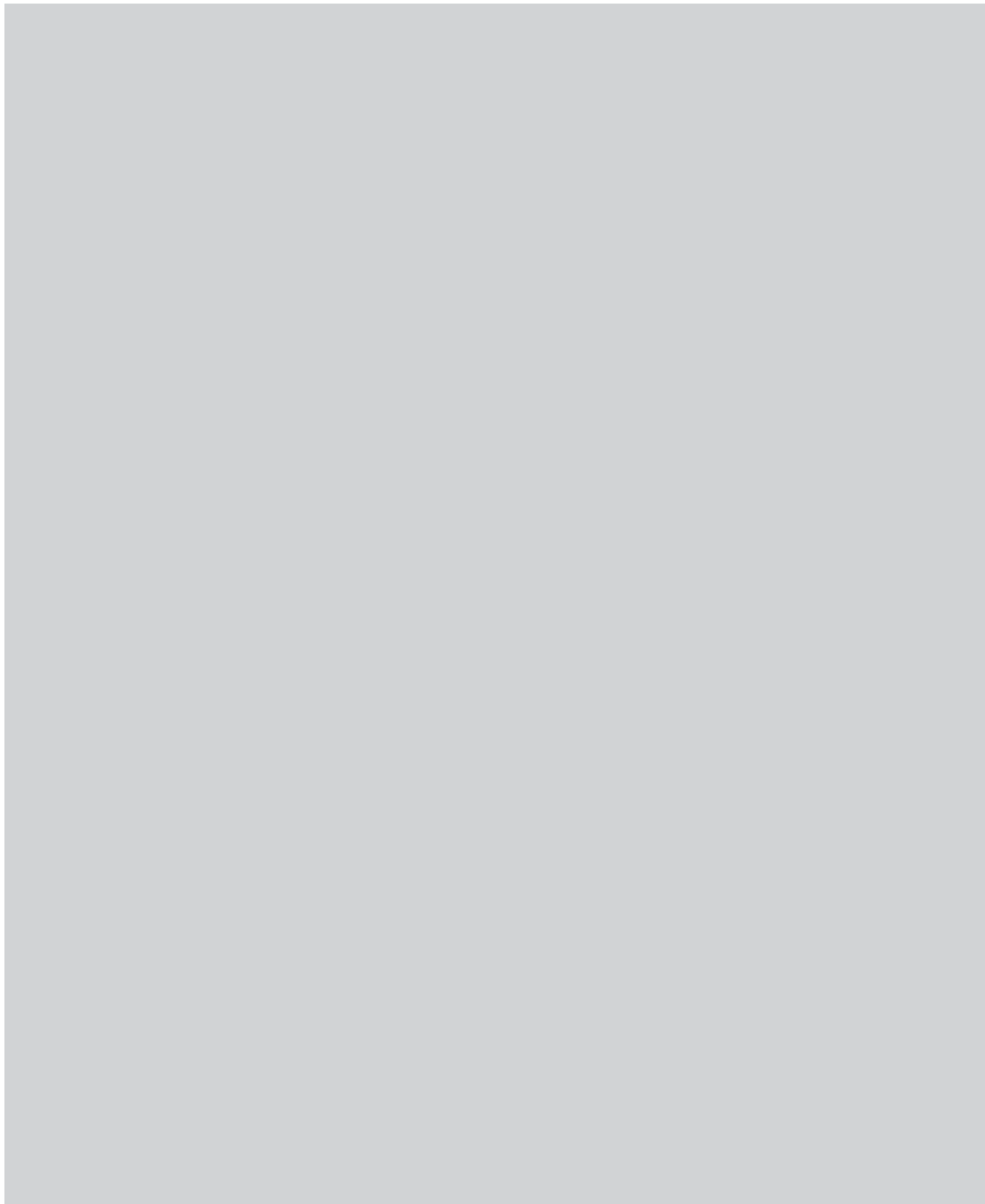
ships between the base leadership and the community, puts on golf tournaments to bring together local military, business and political leaders and contributes to the enhancement of the quality of life for base personnel and their families.

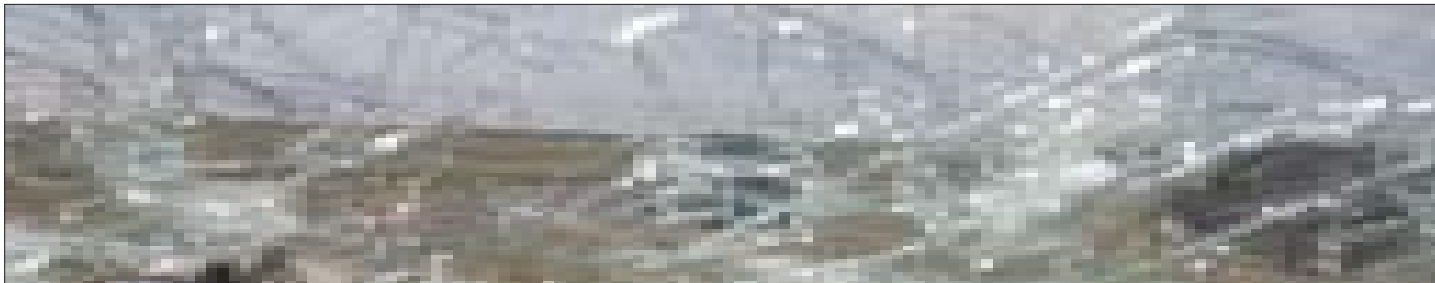
As of March 2004, the DM-50 had contributed more than \$390,000 to D-M for programs to promote quality of life and sustainability of the base.

In addition to their financial contributions, the DM-50 works to promote the well being of the base in as many venues as possible.

"We maintain a working relationship with the base leadership and use our contacts and influence to deal with base and other Air Force issues and to advocate for the base and for the Air Force at local, state and federal levels," states the DM-50 charter.

"The men and women of Davis-Monthan benefit greatly from the charity and support of this vital group of selfless Tucsonans," said Colonel Spencer. "Their dedication contributes to our ability to develop and nurture our Airmen and to fight when ordered."





Tech. Sgt. Ivey McLean

The view from inside a car that was involved in a drunk driving accident. The effects of drinking and driving can rock an entire community regardless of its size.

National campaign keeps D-M members safe

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base will participate in the "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." nationwide crackdown from Aug. 27 to Sept. 12. This will be the first nationwide campaign since all 50 states and the District of Columbia enacted .08 Blood Alcohol Content laws for impaired driving.

Tech. Sgt. Ryan Holm, 355th Security Forces NCO in charge of police services, said while security forces personnel are always diligent against drunk drivers, the difference during the campaign will be the level of aggression.

"Normally, it is a circumstantial situation," Sergeant Holm said. "An officer sees a violation and stops the vehicle to discover the person is intoxicated. With the campaign there will be a saturation of patrols and check points. Officers will flood the streets looking for offenders and will stop traffic at certain locations to check every driver to find violators."

According to the "You Drink & Drive. You lose." Web site, <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>, the crackdown began in 1999 and combines highly visible law enforcement with a \$14 million national advertising campaign – the largest paid media buy in the crackdown's history. Advertising during the crackdown alerts motorists

that if they drink and drive irresponsibly, chances are they will be caught.

With the crackdown and high police presence, members of the Desert Lightning community are reminded of the importance of being good Wingmen and installation stewards.

"Keep an eye open," Sergeant Holm said. "Don't let your friends, coworkers or anyone they see get [behind the wheel] if they have been drinking. I would much rather stop a person from drinking and driving than throw them in jail after they have done it. Our goal is not to catch as many people as possible for DUIs but to stop them before they do it."

For the first time, this nationwide crackdown will take place during Labor Day to target the end-of-summer impaired driving problem.

According to the Web site, in 2002 more than 55 percent of fatalities in motor vehicle crashes that occurred during the Labor Day weekend were alcohol-related. Such accidents tear at the fiber of even the tightest communities.

"As it is for all communities, drunk driving is an epidemic," Sergeant Holm said. "On base we don't experience as many DUIs as Tucson or other large cities, but we are a small community and a drunk driver can take a life from us just as easy as anyone else."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 17,401 people were

killed in alcohol-related crashes in 2003. This represents 40 percent of the 43,220 people killed in all traffic crashes. Last year, there was a more than 2 percent increase in fatalities of motorcyclists in alcohol-related crashes.

The NHTSA studies show that nearly 97 percent of Americans view drinking and driving by others as a threat to their families and themselves. The Web site states that Americans have ranked drunk driving ahead of healthcare, poverty, the environment and gun control as an important social issue.

To counter this deadly trend, law enforcement officers will be on the lookout during the campaign to create a safe community.

It's all in the title, "You Drink & Drive, You lose," Sergeant Holm said. "Everyone loses at some point. When someone chooses to drink and drive they are risking the lives of everyone they pass by as well as their own life."

Sergeant Holm added that those who are caught will also lose money and their time, which will be spent in jail.

To avoid putting themselves, or a loved one, in an unsafe vehicle, D-M members can use friends, family, coworkers, cab companies or Airmen Against Drunk Driving.

The key is to never drink and drive but from Aug. 27 to Sept. 12, law enforcement officers will be making sure if you do, you will lose.

AF releases promotion video to demystify board process

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER – In an effort to educate all Airmen on senior enlisted promotion boards, the Air Force Selection Board Secretariat and the Enlisted Promotions Branch here have partnered to produce a new video to help shed light on the inner workings of the selection board process.

A copy of the video, entitled "How Senior NCOs Are Promoted to Senior and Chief," will be distributed to each Air Force installation public affairs office, military personnel flight, command chief master sergeant, as well as to all NCO acad-

emies and the Senior NCO Academy.

The video provides an insider's view of boardroom activity at the Air Force Personnel Center, including how records are scored and what board members actually do when evaluating candidates for promotion.

"It's important for all enlisted personnel, as well as officers and civil service employees who supervise them, to know how the Air Force promotes senior NCOs to the top two grades," said Senior Master Sgt. Nathalie Swisher, video production coordinator.

"The career path to chief master sergeant begins early in an enlisted member's career," said Sergeant Swisher. "This video will stress the essence of how Airmen can take control of their careers early, and how supervisors can assist in helping them reach their goal."

The video explains the process from the way board members are chosen to sit on selection boards to how board members impact the final promotion list. One point of emphasis is the importance of each master and senior master sergeant keeping his or her records current and correct.

"We have a great promotion system. There are numerous safeguards in our promotion process to make sure it remains so, while ensuring Air Force members receive fair and equitable consideration," said Col. R.J. Rouse, chief of the selection board secretariat. "The video highlights those safeguards as well as other important promotion topics."

The video should be available by early September.

For more information, contact the 355th Mission Support Squadron military personnel flight at 228-4425.

Charleston C-17s seek shelter at D-M

A group of C-17 Globemasters arrived at Davis-Monthan from Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., Friday.

The aircraft were sent here as a precautionary measure due to Hurricane Charley's potential threat to Charleston Air Force Base.

(Below) A C-17 from Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. taxis onto the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base runway.



Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Senior Airman Christopher Quagliano, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuel apprentice, attaches the fuel hose to a C-17. The C-17s came to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base from Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., to avoid the inclement weather on the East coast caused by Hurricane Charley.



Airman Veronica Pierce

Best Air Force core value is 'service before self'

By Lt. Col. Phillip Andrews
755th Operations Support Squadron commander

In my view, selflessness is the finest attribute one can possess, and of our Air Force core values, "service before self" is often the most difficult for people to realize. I've known people in the Air Force whose integrity was above reproach and they personified excellence, but at the same time they were careerists motivated only by their own advancement.

When I was growing up in Texas I was taught to always do what was right and do it as well as I possibly could. My word was my bond ... integrity and excellence were givens. I also came to know about and value the

ideal of selflessness and, 35 years later, I can still vividly remember one of the greatest examples I've ever seen of someone subjugating their own personal interests for the greater good of the whole team.

As a nine year old I remember listening to a radio broadcast of the Jan. 1, 1970 Cotton Bowl game the Texas "Longhorns" and Notre Dame "Fighting Irish" played, and hearing a tremendous roar from the crowd when one of the Longhorns' defensive backs appeared on the sideline on crutches. The crowd obviously loved him and I listened intently as the radio announcers related his incredibly inspirational story.

Freddie Steinmark, a small kid at five feet 10 inches and about 160 pounds, was a start-

ing safety for the Longhorns in 1969. He had played that season with a sore leg he and the trainers had thought was the result of a deep thigh bruise from playing football. The pain got progressively worse as the season wore on, but Freddie kept working hard and always managed to practice and play because he was a team leader and his teammates were counting on him.

December 6, 1969 the number one ranked Longhorns played the number two ranked Arkansas Razorbacks in Fayetteville, Ark. in a game, which many dubbed "The Game of the Century." Freddie gave a gutsy performance that afternoon and helped lead the

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Final Answer

What would be your dream vacation?



1st Lt.
William Mercer
563rd Rescue
Group

"My dream vacation would be spending six weeks traveling around Europe via rail and rental car with my family."



Airman 1st Class
David Corrigan
355th Communications
Squadron

"A river kayak trip on the Colorado River would be my dream vacation."



Senior Airman
Luiz Armendariz
355th Aircraft
Maintenance Squadron

"My dream vacation would be an all expenses paid trip to Hawaii and the Caribbean for a month."



Airman 1st Class
Jonathan Rojas
355th Communications
Squadron

"Any tropical island would be my ideal dream vacation."



Olivia Montez
355th Logistics
Readiness Squadron

"Hawaii because of the beaches and it has lots and lots of fruits, like coconuts and oranges."



Capt.
Betsy Jensen
355th Wing

"On my dream vacation, I would be on a cruise specifically for diving."

Service

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Longhorns to a 15 to 14 come-from-behind victory that cemented their claim to the 1969 National Championship. Bill Little, University of Texas's special assistant for football communications, recalled, "Midway through the fourth quarter of the Arkansas game, Chuck Dicus, the Razorbacks' All-American receiver, had gotten behind Steinmark. Realizing he was about to give up a touchdown that would have meant almost certain victory (Arkansas led 14 to 8), Steinmark intentionally interfered with Dicus at the UT 10-yard line. A pass interception in the UT end zone stopped the drive and the Longhorns went on to take the lead with less than four minutes remaining. No one could have known that defending the pass to Dicus would be the last football play Steinmark would ever make." They didn't know why at the time, but UT's coaches realized Freddie had lost a step and just couldn't seem to keep up.

The ailment obviously had been affecting his play and the Monday following the Arkansas game an x-ray revealed the presence of a tumor, a bone sarcoma. Only six days after helping lead his team to a national championship clinching victory, Freddie was

admitted to a Houston hospital where doctors amputated his left leg. He astounded doctors by appearing on crutches just twenty days later at the Longhorns' Cotton Bowl game with Notre Dame. Freddie showed enormous heart and tremendous courage battling through what must have been excruciating pain for a higher purpose, the team winning a national championship.

Freddie's example of courage, perseverance and selfless dedication to the team had a profound impact on me and I've remembered his example all my life. I realized then there are more important things in life than self and now, when I think of our Core Value "service before self," I'm reminded of the example Freddie showed me 35 years ago. As an officer and squadron commander, I realize it's not all about me ... it's about the squadron, it's about the group and wing, it's about the U.S. Air Force and the United States of America. It's about something far greater and much more valuable than self.

Although our core values are expressed in only three short phrases that identify the key requirements of professional service, I believe they encompass many attributes like duty, honor, country, dedication and, above all, selflessness.

In today's fight against terrorism, service

to our country requires not only tremendous technical skill but also a willingness to make personal sacrifices for the good of our units, our Air Force and our nation. As Gen. Ronald Fogleman brilliantly stated, "... we Airmen are part of a unique profession that is founded on the premise of service before self. We are not engaged in just another job; we are practitioners of the profession of arms. We are entrusted with the security of our nation, the protection of its citizens and the preservation of its way of life. In this capacity, we serve as guardians of America's future. By its very nature, this responsibility requires us to place the needs of our service and our country before personal concerns."

When we joined the Air Force, we made a solemn promise to defend our constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic and implicit in that oath is the realization that we may have to someday make the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our country and way of life. Only through that type of commitment willingly made by individuals who realize that our country and way of life is worth defending will we be able to make the sacrifices necessary to win the Global War on Terrorism, whatever the cost.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, we've seen many military members' selfless dedication to a higher purpose, it's guaranteed we'll win our toughest fight yet ... the war on terrorism.

Class 04-F graduates from Airman Leadership School

Congratulations to the following Airmen in class 04-F who met all requirements and graduated from Airman Leadership School Aug. 12.

41st Electronic Combat Squadron: Megan Libby; **354th Fighter Squadron:** Joseph Juedes; **355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:** Steven Bourne, Kelly Evans, Jason McGrath, Brandy Mebane, Brantly Mouch and Jesse Williams; **355th Communications Squadron:** Adolfo Willett and Thomas Tedesco; **355th Component Maintenance Squadron:** Carlos Aguirre, Ian Barnes, Teya Brewer, Zenobia Dukes, Rodney Franks, Charissa Gayou, Travis Gayou, Dennis Larock, Jesse Pavelka, Justin



Newton, James Patterson, Jimmy Smith and Thomas Tuttle; **355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron:** Ronald James and Patrick Blevins; **355th Logistics Readiness Squadron:** Adrian Aquilera; **355th Operations Support Squadron:** Kathleen Morgan; **355th Wing:** Ryan Hann; **563rd Maintenance Squadron:** Jeremy Fogleman and Christopher Ray; **Detachment 1 563rd Rescue Group:** Silas Carter and **Detachment 3 Air Combat Command Training Support Squadron:** Robert Hartwell.

Award Winners

Congratulations to the following ALS graduates who received special recognitions.

Academic Award

Senior Airman Charissa Gayou, 355th Component Maintenance Squadron

Distinguished Graduate

Senior Airman Megan Libby, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron

Senior Airman Joseph Juedes, 354th Fighter Squadron

John Levitow Winner

Senior Airman Adolfo Willett, 355th Communications Squadron

Leadership Award

Senior Airman Adolfo Willett, 355th CS

Defense Commissary Agency awards two \$1,500 scholarships to military members' dependents

Commissaries are an integral part of the quality of life offered to service members and their families. The Scholarships for Military Children Program was created in recognition of the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and to

celebrate the role of the commissary in the military family community. It is the intent of the program that a scholarship funded through contributions will be awarded annually for each commissary operated by the Defense Commissary Agency worldwide. This year 34 applicants applied and two

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base dependents were awarded a \$1,500 scholarship.

Eric Soleum plans to go to college in the medical field.

Jocelyn Baker hopes to one day be a high school literature teacher.



Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member (officer, enlisted or civilian) of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Desert Lightning community. Members are nominated by their unit commander or first sergeant.)

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Tech. Sgt. Matthew Wells from the 48th Rescue Squadron. Sergeant Wells is a superintendent of the Phoenix flight. According to his supervisor, Senior Master Sgt. Joel Lukens, he was nominated for the spotlight because, "He was recognized as the 563rd Rescue Group and the 347th Rescue Wing Lance P. Sijan winner for Fiscal 2004 and the NCO of the quarter for the squadron."

The following is Sergeant Wells' responses to a variety of questions.

Why did you join the Air Force: I wanted to be a pararescueman.

Main job responsibilities: Recover personnel or materiel by any tools available.

Best aspects of the job: Saving lives

What has been your best assignment and why: D-M. We have an opportunity to build

something new here and we are taking advantage of that opportunity. It is a good feeling to work with visionaries.

What is the best advice you've received in the Air Force? You are never so good at a task that you can't stand some more practice and from Tim Wilkinson, "Always wear your ballistic helmet and carry at least two hand grenades at all times."

What is your most memorable moment in the Air Force? Flying over Baghdad and seeing tracers coming up at the helicopters from all directions. It was an incredible sight. **Name someone who inspires you (or that you admire) and why:** My wife. She is working on her master's degree, instructs step aerobics, runs a consulting business and is always supportive of me. She leads by example. It drives me.



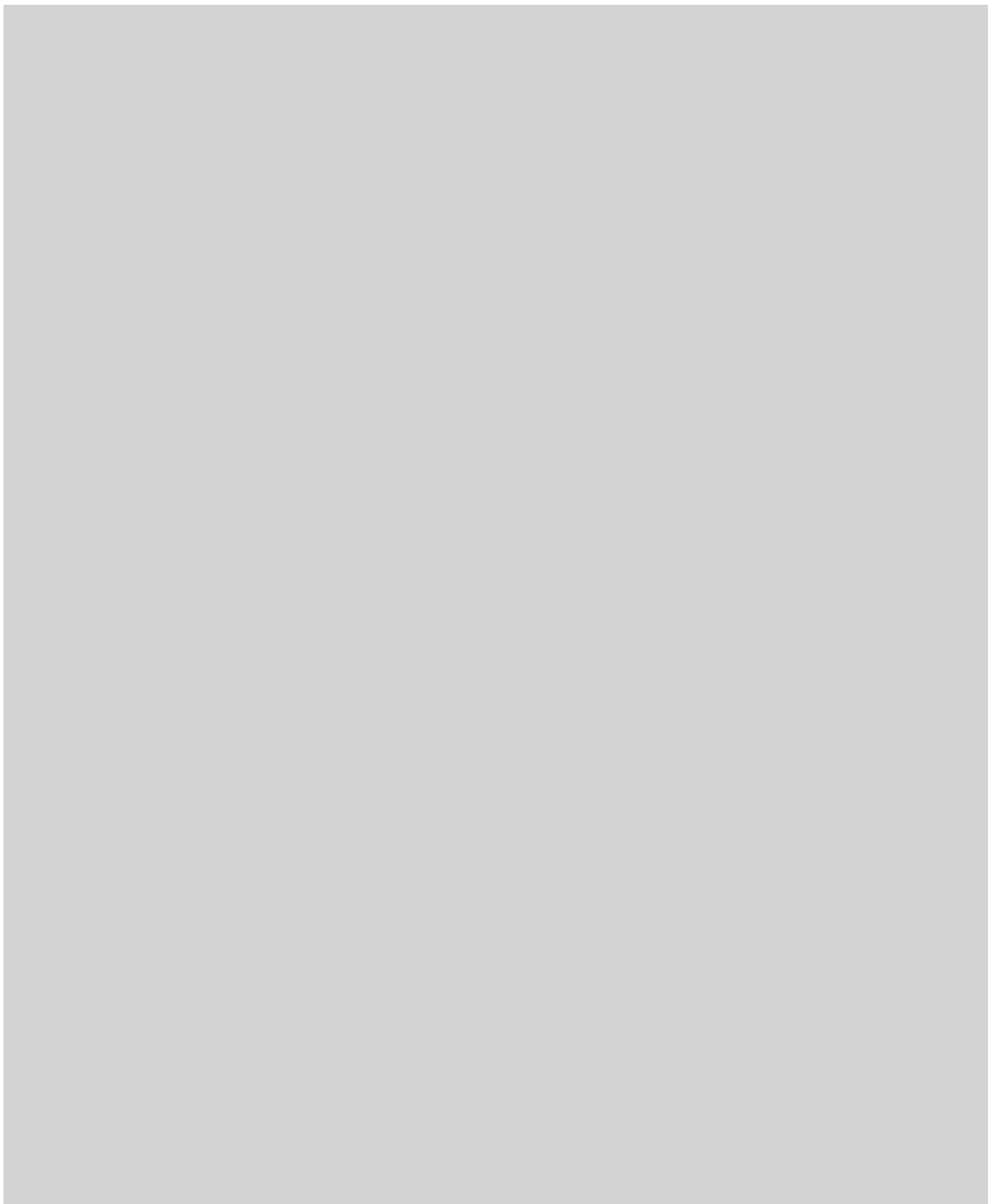
Senior Airman Cat Casaigne

2nd Annual Hearts Apart End-of-Summer Luau seeks volunteers Aug. 28

The 2nd Annual Hearts Apart End-of-Summer Luau is for families with dependents deployed or on remote tours.

Volunteers are needed to help with setup, decorations, cooking, running kids' games and cleanup. The luau is scheduled for Aug.

28 at Bama park from 4 to 7 p.m. For more information or to volunteer, contact Tech. Sgt. Karen Kaylor at 228-6041.



Kids cringing, parents smiling can only mean one thing ... its time to go

Back to school

Story and photos by
Senior Airman Cat Casaigne
355th Wing Public Affairs

It's that time of the year again. The time of the year when children, decked out in new clothes and wearing backpacks say good-bye to the days of playing all day and sleepovers — well, good-bye until next summer.

It's time for children all over the United States to head back to school and while most parents are rejoicing, there are certain safety concerns all D-M members need to be aware of so they can continue to be good installation stewards, as well as nurture and develop our Airman by making sure their children remain safe and sound.

The biggest differences D-M members will see are children in the streets walking to school and school busses about a half-hour before school starts and a half-hour after school ends.

"With all the excitement [this time of the year brings] comes streets filled with eager children rushing to get to school," said Michael Barnes, 355th Ground Safety Office Ground Safety manager. "Keep an eye open for all the little ones. School busses will be back on base, so let's all remember the questions we took on our drivers' license test — no passing while the big red sign is out and no passing in or near crosswalks."

The principals of both elementary schools on D-M agree with Mr. Barnes and also point out that parents can help keep their children safe.

"Parents need to make sure their children do not show up too early for school," said Chad Knippen, Borman Elementary School principal. "Supervision starts about 15 minutes before school does, so its important children don't show up before the supervision."

Albert Siqueiros, Lowell Smith Elementary School principal, suggests parents of children who walk to school have a back up plan.

"Parents should have a back up plan in case mom and dad aren't home when the child gets home, like going to a neighbor's house. This way the child is not home alone or waiting outside," he said.

Since most of the children who attend school on base walk to school, drivers need to be more aware than they have been over the last few months.

"During the summer months the only things out in the streets that early are prairie dogs and rabbits," Mr. Barnes said. "Now we have to look out for children on bicycles, scooters and roller blades."

Mr. Knippen suggests parents walk with



Alexandra Vargas, daughter of Staff Sgt. Ernesto Vargas-Becerra, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, holds her mother, Mabel's, hand to cross the street. Safety and school officials recommend parents, when walking their children to school, use crosswalks so children learn to use them when walking by themselves.

children the first few days so the child can practice the route.

"Make sure you cross at crosswalks so the children know where there will be crossing guards," Mr. Siqueiros added.

Mr. Barnes goes a step farther and said parents should let their children know that not all drivers are good drivers — stay on the sidewalks and always try to cross at corners.

Both schools have set up more security to make sure children stay safe. At both schools the staff will stop any visitor and greet them to make sure they have signed in with the front office. At Smith, once school starts all doors will be locked from the outside with the exception of the front door. This will ensure all visitors have to pass the front office to gain entry to the school.

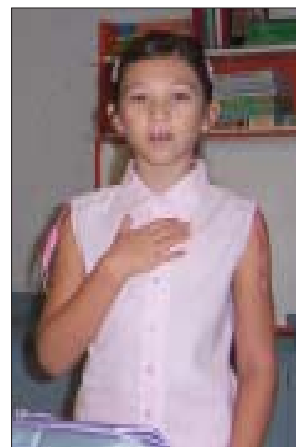
Mr. Knippen stressed that if a child is not going to be in school, the parents should notify the school by calling 584-4602 for Borman, or 584-7300 for Smith.

Mr. Siqueiros added that if someone other than the parent is going to pick the child up from school, then the school should know. This will help ensure someone who should

not pick up a child doesn't.

The bottom line, Mr. Siqueiros said is that school is starting all around Tucson so drivers need to be more vigilant and look for walking children and busses.

"Safety is a huge priority for both of us (he and Mr. Knippen) and we want to make sure we do everything to keep our children safe," he said.



Delaney Drew, daughter of Deborah and Tech. Sgt. Paul Drew, 563rd Maintenance Squadron, recites The Pledge of Allegiance in her second grade class Monday, the first day back to school at Smith Elementary School.

Alphabet soup with AFSCs

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman

Alaskan Command Public Affairs



Across

1. AFSC 11 A/B/E/F/G/H/K/R/S/T
4. AFSC 12 A/B/E/F/G/K/R/S/T
10. Oklahoma town
11. Due
12. AFSC 91C
14. Terror
15. A type of military pay allowance
16. Dined
18. AFSC 1C1X1, in short
20. Swain
21. Org. concerned with protecting civil rights
23. AFSC 15W
26. First African-American male to win Wimbledon
28. Chubby
29. Federal org. for environment
30. 23rd letter of

Down

32. Mock
34. AFSC 88P
36. Tribunal
37. Sea eagles
38. CBS show *Judging* _____
39. 7th letter of Greek alphabet
41. Former Vietnamese leader Ho _____
44. Toiling
47. AFSC 8P000
50. Fox competitor
51. _____ Paulo, Brazil
52. Can. province
53. Automotive org.
54. Term of familiar address, especially for males
55. In launch tests, site of activity, in brief
56. AFSC 61S
57. AFSC 2F0X1

Down

1. Warsaw _____
2. Fox show *American* _____
3. Spiritual leader
- Dahli _____
4. Fibroid
5. Wonder
6. Designer Wang
7. Yawn
8. Berlin Airlift commander
9. AFSC 8R000
13. AK island occupied by Japan in WWII
17. Dorothy's friend
18. Pub order
19. Military pay statement
20. Gamble
21. Cleopatra killer
22. AFSC 52R
24. Air Force guide for CBRN warfare, in short
25. Mil. cockpit
- essential for 1
- ACROSS
26. Air Force deployment set, in short
27. AFSC 13A
30. *The Pit and the Pendulum* author
31. Charged particle
32. AFSC 13B or 1A4X1, briefly
33. Earning
35. Co. head
38. Demeanor
39. Flightless bird
40. Agenda
41. Dupe
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45. Book identifier
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47. Paint
48. Atoll
49. British hereditary title
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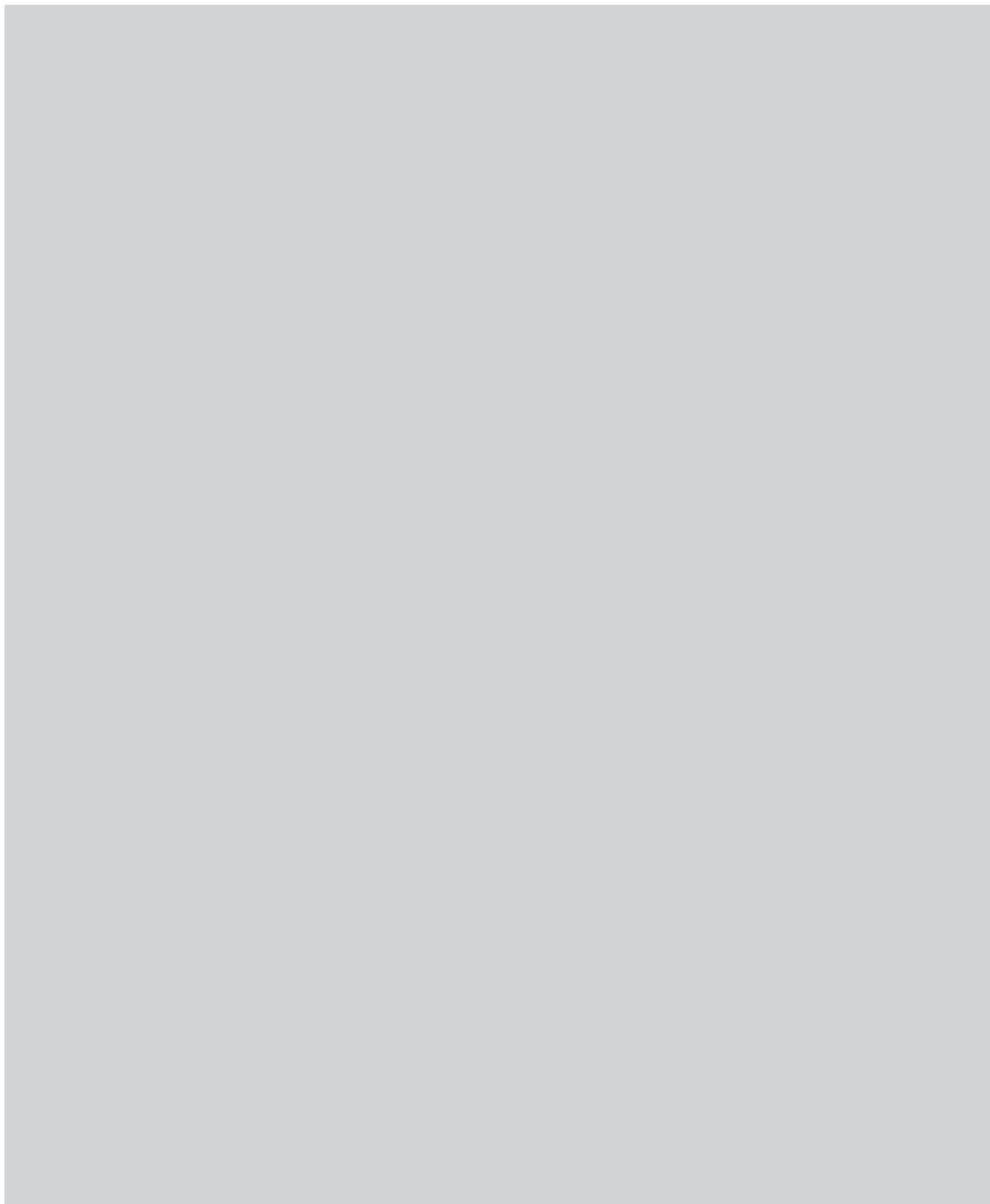
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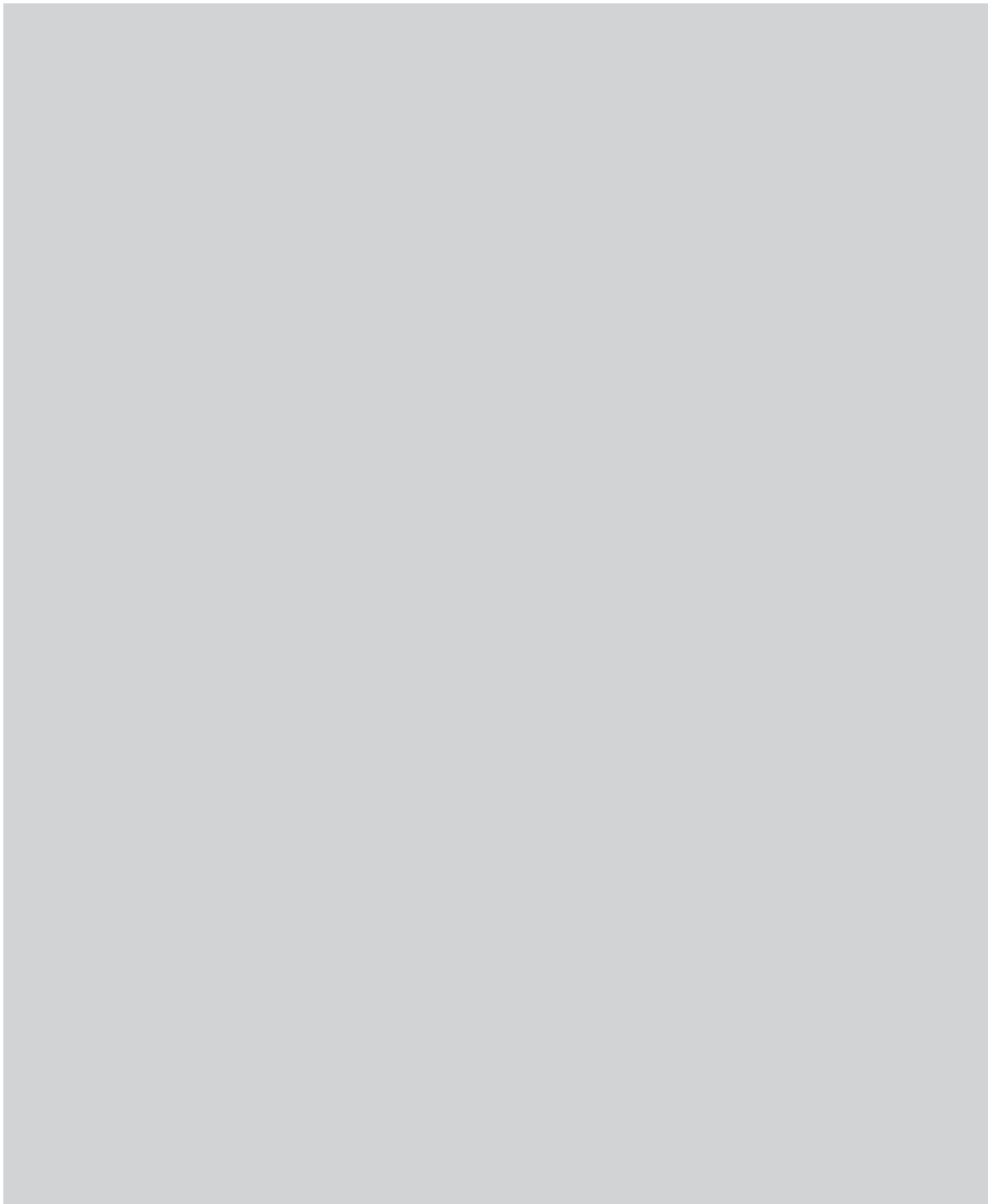


Get a free regular coffee with the purchase of the "Danish of the Day"
at Stormy's Cafe in the Desert Lightning Community Center

Limit one coupon per customer. Expense to GLAC 752A5. Expires Aug. 27, 2004.

Desert
Lightning
Freebies







Staff Sgt. Russell Wicke

Army Spc. Ramon Gomez, 1st 285th Aviation Unit, spends his afternoon swimming laps at the fitness center here. Swimming is another way for members to vary their routine as they get 'Fit to Fight.'

Fit to swim

The fitness and sports center has an indoor pool that offers several programs to help Davis-Monthan members get and stay 'Fit to Fight.' One program is the 100 Mile Club, which gives participants 365 days to finish 100 miles from the day they sign-up. The program started in January and 12 people have already reached this goal. For those looking for an even bigger challenge, the 200 Mile Club is an extension of the 100. Swimmers get one more year to add an additional 100 miles to the first program. To date, one person has completed that goal.

In addition, there are free water aerobics classes. Times for the classes are listed to the right. The pool also has equipment from

water aerobic weights and noodles to kickboards and paddles for the lap swimmers. While they do not offer official swimming lessons, lifeguards can help those interested in improving their stroke technique or receiving swimming advice. Swimmers may stop by the pool any time and ask for help. The pool is open Mondays through Fridays from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays and holidays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. While several lanes remain open during Water Aerobics, it gets busy so it is best to avoid those times.

Squadrons interested in using the pool for physical training need to send a request via e-mail to amy.dent@dm.af.mil. For more information, call 228-0015.

Sports Shorts

18 Hole Group

The 2004 to 2005 golf season for the 18 Hole Group begins with a registration and sign up coffee Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the Eagles Nest Restaurant. Any newcomers interested in playing golf, meeting new friends and having fun are welcome. For more information, call June Daly at 326-8631.

Play Stars and Strikes

Time is running out for customers who would like to get "punched" at the D-M Bowling Center. Patrons will receive punch cards when participating in programs at the D-M bowling center as part of the Air Force Services-wide "Bowl for the Stars & Strikes" bowling promotion until Aug. 31. Bowl for the Stars & Strikes offers participants the opportunity to earn rewards by collecting punches on three levels of a punch card - Red, White and Blue. For every 15 punches, bowlers and non-bowlers alike will receive the corresponding reward for that level (while supplies last), such as a bowling pin keychain, bowling ball bank or T-shirt. Plus, every card completed becomes an entry for monthly

prizes, and blue level cards can enter for a chance to win a \$500 cash grand prize or second prize, a "Pride of Our Nation" Viz-A-Ball bowling ball. Participants in Bowl for the Stars & Strikes will also receive a coupon good for a free medium Coca-Cola beverage and two free games of bowling, for every card completed. For contest rules and entry information, visit the bowling center.

ACC Golf Tournament

The 2004 D-M Air Combat Command Qualification Golf Tournament will be held at the Blanchard Golf Course Saturday and Sunday. Base level winners advance to play in the ACC Championship at the Blanchard Golf Course Sept. 20 through 24. For more information, call 228-3734.

Cycling Program

The fitness and sports center is looking for anyone interested in joining an organized group for cycling. Those who are interested can call Staff Sgt. Alvester Johnson or Senior

Fitness Center Classes

The following is a current list of classes offered at both fitness centers. Class fee is listed if applicable.

Monday

11 to 11:45 a.m. - Water Aerobics - New Fitness Center
 11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - New FC
 11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
 Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning - Haeffner
 5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
 5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) - New FC
 6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - New FC
 7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 years plus) - New FC

Tuesday

9:15 to 10 a.m. - Water Aerobics - High - New FC
 10 to 11 a.m. - Senior/Low Impact Aerobics - \$2 - Haeffner
 Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner
 5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - \$2 - Haeffner
 5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - New FC
 6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - New FC
 6 to 8 p.m. - Self Defense (Kyokushin) - \$25/month - New FC

Wednesday

11 to 11:45 a.m. - Water Aerobics - Medium - New FC
 11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - New FC
 11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
 5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
 5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - New FC
 6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) New FC
 7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (Adults) - New FC

Thursday

9:15 to 10 a.m. - Water Aerobics - New FC
 10 to 11 a.m. - Senior/Low Impact Aerobics - \$2 - Haeffner
 Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner
 5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - New FC
 5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - Haeffner
 6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - Haeffner
 6 to 8 p.m. - Kyokushin - \$25/month - New FC

Friday

11 to 11:45 a.m. - Water Aerobics - New FC
 11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - New FC
 11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
 Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning - Haeffner
 5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, white and yellow belt) - New FC
 6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, orange belts and up) New FC
 7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (Adults) - New FC

Saturday

10 to 11 a.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - New FC
 11 to 11:45 a.m. - Water Aerobics - New FC

Sunday

11:30 to 12:30 a.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - New FC

Indoor pool hours

Mondays through Fridays 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays and Holidays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Outdoor recreational pool hours

Lap swim Mondays through Fridays 8 to 11 a.m.; Adult and family swim Mondays through Thursdays 5 to 8 p.m.; Recreational/open swim Mondays noon to 5 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Sports Shorts

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Master Sgt. Kenneth Ramey at 228-0021.

Abdominal Aerobics

D-M has an Abdominal Aerobics class Mondays and Fridays at 6 a.m. at the fitness and sports center and Wednesdays at 6 a.m. at the Haeffner Fitness Center. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Ramona Gantz or Staff Sgt. Laressa Kellergriffin at 228-0021.

Cochise Stronghold Hike

There is a hike to Cochise Stronghold Sept. 4. The hike is located to the west of Sunsites, Ariz. in the Dragoon Mountains at an elevation of 5,000 feet. This beautiful woodland area lies in a protective rampart of granite domes and sheer cliffs which were once the refuge of the great Apache Chief, Cochise, and his people. It is located within the Coronado National Forest. Par-

ticipants are reminded to dress for the weather and to bring plenty of water, food and sunscreen. The cost of \$15 includes transportation and guide. For more information, call 228-3736.

Horseback Trailride

There is a two-hour horseback trailride through the Huachuca mountains Sept. 25. After the ride there will be a barbecue dinner. Must be 7 years of age or older to ride. Participants should bring plenty of water and dress for the weather. Sign up early as space is limited. The cost of \$40 includes transportation, dinner and the trailride. The trip departs at 11 a.m. and returns at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 228-3736

Scuba diving lessons

Outdoor recreation offers scuba diving lessons Aug. 28 and 29 from 7 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$85 and includes all instruction,

materials and equipment. After completing the course, there will be an opportunity for students to go to San Carlos, Mexico for a graduation dive. The cost of that trip is \$230 and includes a three day boat dive, lodging and all equipment. For more information, or to register, call 228-3736.

D-M youth wanted

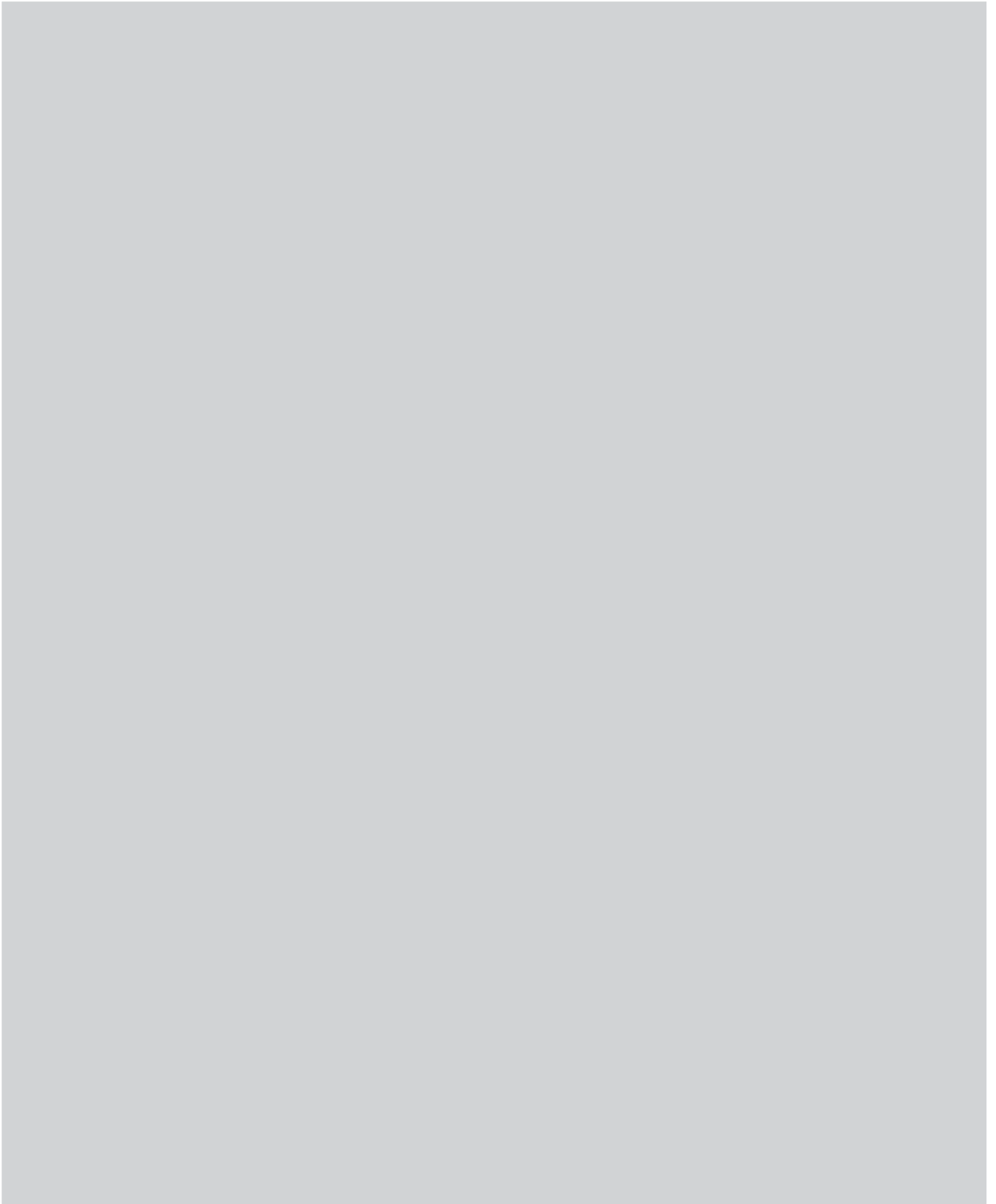
The Scorpion Football and Cheerleading Association is looking for children ages 5 to 15 years from D-M to be football players and cheerleaders. Both tackle and flag football team participants are needed. Cheerleading squads support the football teams and participate in competitions both locally and nationally. To register for football, call Derek Haywood at 512-8213. To register for cheerleading, call Freda Marshal at 885-9763. Individuals can also stop by Palo Verde Park Mondays through Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m.

Golf Intramural playoffs

The Golf Intramural playoffs started at the D-M Blanchard Golf Course Wednesday. The Championship Match against the winner of the Wednesday and Thursday Intramural teams will be Sept. 8. at 11 a.m.

Link Up 2 Golf

The Blanchard Golf Course is now offering Link Up 2 Golf, a program that makes learning the game simple, fun and more affordable than ever before. This program is designed to attract new golfers as well as infrequent and former golfers and participants with a solid foundation about the game of golf, including swing mechanics, etiquette, how to maintain speed of play and more. The cost of \$99 includes eight hours of small group instruction and a variety of on-course playing experiences. For more information, call the golf course at 228-3734.



Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Daily: Mass is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m. at Desert Dove.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Power Hour

All women working on D-M, civilian or active-duty, are invited to the Working Women's Power Hour beginning Sept. 9. Sponsored by the Protestant Women of the Chapel, the Power Hour is a time of lunch and fellowship with a short, uplifting devotion. The program will be Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club. Participants can buy their lunch through the line at The Mirage and join the group for an exciting, power-packed event. For planning purposes, please call Cindy Scott at 514-1031 to make a reservations no later than two days prior to the event.

Education Services

BTES hours of operation

The Base Training and Education Services testing office will be closed Sept. 3 for the Air Combat Command Family Day and Sept. 6 for Labor Day. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812.

Montgomery GI Bill update

Ten members of Congress signed a letter to the chairmen and ranking members of the House Total Force and Veterans Administration Committees July 28 requesting a joint hearing by the two committees before the adjournment of the 108th Congress. The lawmakers want to discuss the need to enhance education benefits for military personnel. The members stated they believe now is the time to focus attention on the GI bill and investigate what can be done to improve this vital program.

Air War College Seminar

The AWC Seminar at D-M started Thursday at 5 p.m. in the base library. However, students can still enroll and join this Seminar. The chairperson for the seminar is Lt. Col. Daniel Gelinis, Air National Guard, at

295-6989 and the vice chairperson is Lt. Col. Timothy Riley, 612th Air Communications Squadron, at 228-2031. For information about the program, call Phil King at 228-3812.

Family Support Center

Veteran's Affairs Claims Assistance

A Veteran's Affairs representative will provide group appointments concerning veterans and disability benefits Monday at 10 a.m. and noon in Building 3200, Room 266. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of services available. The next orientation is Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club. Free childcare is available but must be arranged ahead of time. For more information, call 228-5690.

New Air Force Spouse Orientation

The New Air Force Spouse Orientation is Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club. The program targets new Air Force spouses who have been married from one to five years so they can find out about their benefits and get information from various base organizations. Fun activities, games, prizes, free childcare and lunch are provided. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Hearts Apart Luau

Any spouse whose military member is deployed is invited to attend the 2nd Annual Hearts Apart End of Summer Luau Aug. 28 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Bama Park. Bring the kids and enjoy free food, games and prizes. For required reservations, call 228-5690.

Happenings

School night for scouting

Come and sign up to be a Girl Scout Aug. 26 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Borman Elementary School located at 6630 Lightning Drive on Davis-Monthan. Paperwork will be on site and service unit leaders will be available for parents to speak with. There will also be small art projects for the girls to make with other Girl Scouts. For more information, call Andrea Ortegon at 790-4124.

Personal Safety Seminar

The 355th Security Forces Squadron is hosting free personal safety seminars in conjunction with the Pima County Sheriff's Office. This seminar is open to all military personnel, Department of Defense employees and their dependents. The seminars will be at the base theater Sept. 1 and 2 from 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and learn from the experts

methods to ensure personal safety and decrease the odds of being a crime victim. For more information, call Master Sgt. Chris Cottrell, 355th SFS, at 228-4871.

Hispanic Heritage Culture Month

The following is the schedule of events for the annual celebration of Hispanic Culture Month. All events are designed to be informative and experiential. For more information, call Capt. Carlos Carter, 612th Support Squadron, at 228-0175.

◆ Sept. 15, Hispanic Heritage Kickoff Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club.
◆ Sept. 19, Spanish Mass from 6 to 7 p.m. at the base chapel.

◆ Children's Reading Programs: Sept. 28 and 30 at the Dorothy Finley Child Development Center from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 29 from 3 to 4 p.m. and Oct. 1 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the D-M Child Development Center

◆ Cultural and Educational Activities: Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the D-M CDC. Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dorothy Finley CDC.

◆ Dormitory Celebration Oct. 6 in Building 3500.

◆ Latin Extravaganza Oct. 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. More information to follow in later editions of *The Desert Airman*.

Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. For the theater movie recording, call 228-5694.

Friday and Saturday: Spiderman 2

(PG-13) Peter Parker is starting to suffer the consequences of leading a double life. It seems being a crime-fighting hero is wrecking havoc on his grades as a student at Columbia University and on his relationships due to constant interruptions to chase down bad guys. When he decides to turn in his title, crime rises at a breakneck pace. Now he must decide where his loyalties lie. 1 hour, 38 minutes



Sunday: Sleepover

(PG) In the summer before their Freshman year in high school, Julie has a slumber party with her best friends and they end up having the adventure of their lives. In an attempt to cast off their less-than-cool reputations, Julie and her friends decide to participate in an all night scavenger hunt that includes hijacking her dad's car, sneaking into clubs and even getting a first kiss. Who knew sleepovers could be so much fun? 1 hour, 45 minutes





Chris Sweeney

Rikki Rossow (right), Information, Tickets and Travel Recreation assistant, shows Airman 1st Class Sammy Thames, 474th Operations Group, ITT's extensive list of trips and attractions to locations in southern Arizona and California. While D-M's Leisure Travel services have moved to Luke Air Force Base, the ITT office, located in Building 4430, still offers locally advertised trips and tours. Current specials include tickets to Arizona Cardinals home games and discounted fares to Disney-land. For more information, call 228-3700.

New Leisure Travel Office Location

The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Leisure Travel Services Office is now providing customer service from their new location at Luke Air Force Base. This office can help customers book cruises, tours, air travel, hotels, car rental, train trips and more. But members do not have to visit the

office. They can call (DSN) 896-6000, (623) 856-6000 or send a fax to 896-8848. The hours of operation are Mondays through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Customers can also send an e-mail to roseann.wagner@luke.af.mil for assistance with all vacation requests or visit the Air Force Travel online site at www.afttravelonline.com to book vacations.

Services Activities

Scrapbooking Class

Members are invited to come and learn scrapbooking in a class taught by Vicki Corlett Saturday at the arts and crafts center. The class runs from 1 to 3 p.m. and costs \$10 for new students and \$8 for returning students. This includes all supplies. This month learn how to use all the tools of the trade. For more information call 228-4385.

Overnight shipping

The Desert Lightning Community Center offers overnight shipping year-round. The center can ship for less than many overnight shipping companies and they offer priority overnight (by 10:30 a.m. the next business day in most areas), standard overnight, two and three day delivery and international shipping (except to APOs or FPOs). Those who are interested should have their packages at the Community Center no later than 2 p.m. so they can go out the same day. Shipments can not be made to P.O. boxes. For more information, call 228-3717 or 228-3500.

Win a Playstation 2 Combo Pack

Bring by a friend or co-worker to The Mirage Officers' Club or The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club and if they sign up for membership, the current member can enter for a chance to win a new Playstation 2 Combo Pack, plus PS2 starter kit, bonus stand in-

cluded. They are valued at \$175 each. Chances multiply with each new member signed up. In addition, both the current and new member will instantly win Sunday Brunch for two at The Mirage, a \$33 value. The Club's Fishin' For Membership program will continue throughout 2004 so hurry and bring in a new member and you both win big. Fishin' for Membership entry forms must be completed at the club. Stop by the club today and ask for details or call The Mirage at 228-3301 or The Desert Oasis at 228-3100.

Universal Studios Hollywood

A trip to Universal Studios Hollywood is scheduled for Sept. 17 through 19. Enjoy new rides including the California's fastest indoor roller coaster, Revenge of the Mummy – The Ride. Experience 19th century Transylvania in Van Helsing-Fortress Dracula as well as other popular movie theme rides including Jurassic Park, Terminator, Spider-Man and many others. The cost of \$200 per adult and \$60 for children 12 and under includes transportation, two days at the park and hotel accommodations. Deadline for sign-up is Tuesday. For more information, call 228-3700.

Youth Employment Skills Program

The YES program is an on-base youth volunteer program offering high school aged dependents of Active-Duty Air Force members an opportunity to learn valuable work skills while having a positive impact on their base community. The program allows partici-

Hours of operation

Arts and Crafts Center	228-4385
Tues., Wed. and Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sat. noon to 4 p.m.	
Auto Skills Center	228-3614
Tues. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. noon to 5 p.m.	
Blanchard Golf Course	228-3734
Daily, sunrise to sunset	
Bowling Center	228-3461
Mon. - Thurs., 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; Sat. noon to 11:30 p.m.	
Cabanas	747-3234
Mon. - Thurs. 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sat. and Sun. 1 to 8 p.m. No deliveries Mon. - Fri. between 2 to 4 p.m..	
D-M Child Development Center	228-6463
Mon. - Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	
Community Center	228-3717
Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	
Desert Inn Dining Facility	228-5501
Mon. - Fri. 5:15 to 7:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Sat. and Sun. 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.	
Desert Oasis Barber Shop	748-8710
Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.	
Desert Oasis Enlisted Club	228-3100
Cashier Tues. - Fri. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Shockwave Lounge opens Tues. - Thurs. at 4 p.m. and Fri. at 3 p.m..	
Eagles Nest Restaurant	228-7066
Located at the Golf Course: Daily 5:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	
Family Child Care	228-2201
Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
Finley Child Development Center	228-3336, 228-3786 or 228-3787
Mon. - Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	
Fitness and Sports Center	228-0022
Mon. - Fri. open 24 hours; Sat. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. holidays and UTE days 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.	
Haefner Fitness Center	228-3714
Mon. - Fri. 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Closed weekends, holidays and UTE days.	
Information, Tickets & Travel	228-3700
Mon. - Tues. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wed. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	
Library	228-4381
Mon. - Thurs. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	
Lodging Reservations	748-1500
Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental	228-3736
Mon. - Tues. and Thurs. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wed. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	
Stormy's Cyber Cafe	228-3717
Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.	
The Mirage Officers' Club	228-3301
Cashier: Mon. and Tues. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wed. - Fri. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Lunch: Mon. - Fri. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Dinner: Thurs. and Fri. 5:30 to 8 p.m.; Sunday Brunch: 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Polly Bar opens at 4 p.m. Thurs. and Fri.	
The Mirage Barber Shop	748-8968
Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	
Veterinarian	228-3529
Subject to change: Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	
Youth Center	228-8844
Tues. - Fri. 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Sat. noon to 8 p.m.	

pating high school students to "bank" volunteer dollar credits towards their post-secondary education/training at a rate of \$4 per hour volunteered in an on-base position. Maximum hours are 250 for a potential \$1000. For more information, call the community center at 228-8844.